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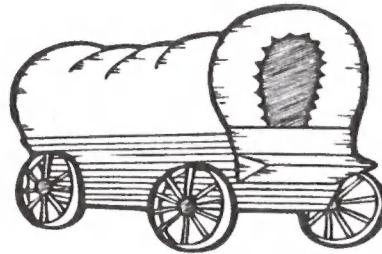
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DEDICATED TO THE COLLECTING, RECORDING, AND
PRESERVING OF UTAH'S HISTORICAL MEDALS, TOKENS, COINS, AND BOTTLES.

There is a free drawing for those who come to the meeting on time. Just sign the log book. Also, enter our monthly contest for more prizes, and a really nice grand prize.



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*** * THIS MONTH'S * ***
*** MEETING**



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**** MEETING LOCATION ***

* * * * * 7:00 pm
* Redwood Multipurpose Center
* 3100 S. Redwood Rd, SLC
* * * * * **PROGRAM** * * * * *
* Speaker Doug Nyholm
* President of the
* Utah Numismatic Society,
* Author, & Researcher on Mormon
* Collectibles.
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President's Message -

I hope everyone is getting in some detecting between storms. We have Doug Nyholm coming to speak. Doug has written a lot about Mormon coins and paper money. If you know a good place to have our club hunt bring your ideas to the meeting. I hope to see everyone there.

Thanks - Don Swain

* * * * * NEXT MONTH'S MEETING * * * * *

NUTS ANNUAL OUTING

Memorial Day Weekend
Location TBA.



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* * * * * LAST MEETING

NUTS had as their special guest speaker Stephen Carr, the famous Author of "Ghost Towns of Utah", "Ghost Railways of Utah". Mr. Carr also showed a slide show of several Ghost Towns, etc. It was fun to see large pictures of the Ghost Towns and other places. A great time was had by all! We missed you! Drawings were also submitted for our medal design. The most votes went to the "Fort Douglas" design.

MARCH FIND OF THE MONTH

The Winners were:

US Coin -	1865 2¢ piece
Artifact -	1920 Badge
Foreign -	Franc
Button -	Military
Token/Medal -	Tax
Non-Metal -	Salt Shaker
Jewelry -	Cigar cutter
Bottle -	Mange Remedy
Marble -	Brown
Oldest US Cent -	1940
Oldest US Coin -	1936 Penny

Mike Smiley
Leo Vera
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Herman Weiss
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✿ Spring is springing on us
✿ And I have heard of a
✿ few good finds out
✿ there. Hope you have a
✿ chance to get out and
✿ do a bit of detecting.
✿ GOOD LUCK and
✿ GOOD HUNTING!!!
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND -

NUTS Annual Outing

Location to be announced at the
April 27 meeting.

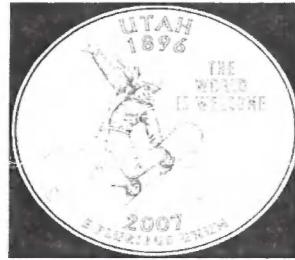
JUNE 22, 2006 - NUTS Meeting at the
Redwood Road Multipurpose Center, at 7:00 pm.
Program to be announced.

TIDBITS.....

Vote for the Utah quarter design!

Let your voice be heard! The internet address for the comment survey is:

<http://arts.utah.gov/quarter/survey.html>



Commemorative Quarter designs open for public comment

Governor Jon M. Huntsman Jr. invites the public to comment on the Utah Commemorative Quarter designs. An online survey has been created and will be available through May 8th for your suggestions. The Governor will make the announcement in mid-May.

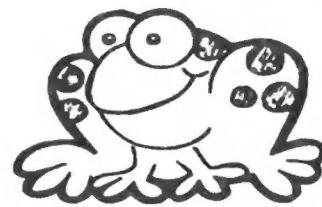
The designs were prepared by US Mint artists from ideas submitted by more than 5,000 people, including school children, numismatists, and artists.

The three final designs submitted to the US Mint along with the narrative reprinted below.

GOLDEN SPIKE/LOCOMOTIVE

The first transcontinental railroad, effectively linking the United States from East to West, was completed on 10 May 1869 at Promontory, Utah. This event is completely

**WE'LL JUST
"CROAK"**



**if you don't
come!**

unique to Utah. The Central Pacific joined with the Union Pacific in uniting a continent, transforming the Utah territory from an agrarian to a more industrial economy, and providing the impetus for a more diversified ethnic, cultural and social population.

BEEHIVE

The Beehive became part of the first official seal of the State of Utah in 1897 and official state emblem in 1959. Symbolizing industry and working together for common purposes, the Beehive is evident on the State flag, license plates, highway patrol vehicles, uniform patches, fire hydrants, stationery, and in other forms. Utah is nicknamed "The Beehive State". The honey bee is the official insect of the state.

MOUNTAINS/WINTER SPORTS

As early as the 1910s, Utahns participated in recreational winter activities, especially skiing. Former valuable mining properties at Alta, Brighton, and Park City were transformed to popular skiing venues drawing skiers from around the world to ski and participate in winter sports. Snowboarding made its U.S. Olympic debut at the Salt Lake City Olympic Winter Games in 2002. The first snowboard was invented and manufactured in Utah beginning in the early 1970's. Snowboarding is the fastest-growing winter sport.

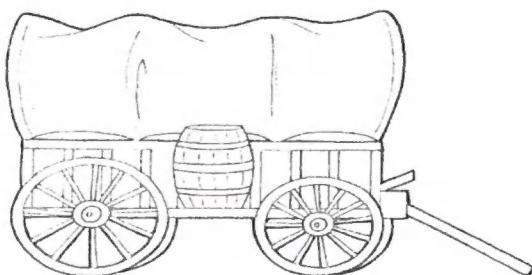
RENEWALS

The following members have renewed for the year 2006:

The May issue will be the last issue for those who have not renewed.

Jim Allgier	Jay Atchison	Lynn & Leara Bernhard
Lee Cheves	Frank & Marian Clements	Steven Drake
Wayne Erickson	Farnsworth Family	Marvin Graves
Riley Graves	Bruce Griggs	Ralph Gold
Brian Jessop	Bill & Kathleen Kos	Ben Martinez
Mel Milgrom	Boyd Pickering	Rich & Karen Secor
Mike Smiley	Justin Stanley	Don Swain & Family
Leo Vera	Narwin Sjoberg	

!!! WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !!!



For the next few months, we will have excerpts from the book entitled: "Union, Utah: Our Heritage of pioneers, People, Places, and Events", by the Union Fort Camp of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers. Compiled by: Colleen J. Carlsen, Louise C. Green, and Helenmarr S. Johnson. Included is a history of Union and includes events or subjects that have influenced the people who lived in Union and Union Fort.

DEFENSE

The presence of Indians camped north of the Union Fort every winter was a constant reminder to the settlers in Union that they needed a continual defense. Every male citizen between the ages of 18 and 45, who was able, served in the territorial militia. At different intervals they would practice military maneuvers and sham battles.



Companies of these "minute men" were attached to each regiment during the Walker War. Captain Foote, of the Cottonwood Military District of the Nauvoo Legion, wrote that companies of this District were ordered to guard the canyons night and day. He, himself, spent twelve days in this guard, but saw no Indians.

Union members of the Nauvoo Legion served during the Walker Indian War, the Black Hawk War, guarded the canyon to keep Johnston's Army from approaching, and protecting the overland routes and telegraph lines. More detail is included under the subjects herein of Nauvoo Legion, Mormon Battalion, Black Hawk War, Civil War, Walker War/Indian Encounters, and Johnston's Army Threat.

Union had a Military Band which played for community celebrations, as well as musters and drills.

Until 1869, when the Nauvoo Legion was abolished by J. Wilson Shaffer, newly-appointed Governor of the Utah Territory, the Legion performed many hours of protection and service to the settlers.

In about 1925-28 Don Green remembers the army bivouacking (sleeping on the ground in tents) occurring at the top of the hill where a chapel is now located at 7400 South 1100 East.

On June 26, 1858, they were in the act of moving south when they were met by Johnston who promised them if they would return to their homes in Fairfield, they would be afforded protection.



GOLD RUSH

When gold was discovered in California, the rush commenced, and gold seekers would stop in Salt Lake City to obtain fresh horses and cattle into great demand, and sometimes dishonest men would steal the animals from the Indians which caused them to become unfriendly with the whites.

The Indians went on the warpath and many people were killed. A means of protection was necessary at this point, so those people in Union were cautioned to build the Union Fort.

Families lived in the Fort for a time, but there was never any bad incident with the Indians in the area.

NEXT MONTH: MONEY AND BARTER

2006 NUTS MEMBERSHIP

Family \$20

Total # of people in your household _____

New Member Application

(After July, new member dues are prorated)

Single \$15

Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Special Interests _____

Send to: **N.U.T.S.**
National Utah Token Society
PO Box 651071
Salt Lake City, UT 84165

Make checks payable to: **N.U.T.S.**

In this newsletter, you will find the article that was viewed in the "West Valley Journal - News of West Valley City", April 2006 issue. It has been suggested that every member give or make a copy of this article, along with a copy of the membership form to any potential club member(s). Let's see who brings in the most new members!!!

The hunt for buried treasure

By Peri Kinder

Hidden beneath the soil in Utah are thousands of artifacts that have been lost over time and countless items that will never again see the light of day. But the members of the National Utah Token Society hope to bring as many to light as possible.

NUTS was first organized back in 1982 as a means of bringing metal detecting treasure hunters together to discuss their finds and talk about the history of the pieces being dug up. Coins, tokens from local merchants, marbles, jewelry, bottles, old sheriff's badges and other objects have been brought to the surface after being buried for scores of years.

Mel Milgram has been a member of the group for 26 years and said that many treasure hunters began finding historical tokens or "good fors" that were minted by local companies at the turn of the century.

"Coinage was hard to come by because we were so far west," Milgram said. "So rather than give change, merchants would give out tokens good for merchandise at their store."

So many varieties of tokens have been found that even the organization doesn't know how many business used to use them. Tokens from dairies, saloons, dry goods stores and brothels are just a few of the samples collected by the group over the years.

Don Swain was recently elected president of NUTS and believes that the organization offers a glimpse into history as new coins and tokens are being found on a regular basis.

"We're trying to protect Utah's history," Swain said. "We hold a coin show every June not only to share our finds, but to educate the public, generally the youth, about saving artifacts and history."

Usually, members of the group will find out that a home or business is to be razed and will ask the land owner's permission to metal detect through the property before new buildings are built on the same spot. Occasionally, something of value is



Mel Milgram, Don Swain, Leo Vera and Eldon Farnsworth are members of NUTS. They collect coins and tokens representing the history of Utah.

found like a diamond ring or other jewelry and NUTS will do what they can to find the original owner.

"At every construction site there're artifacts," Milgram said. "But often we're not given permission and those things are lost and destroyed forever."

The mission of NUTS is to educate, preserve and collect pieces of history that they hope will be passed down through generations. The group meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Redwood Multipurpose Center, 3100 South Redwood Road, and new members are always welcome.

At the meetings, members are allowed to show their finds and a Find of the Month prize is awarded for rarer or unique items. Speakers often give presentations about the history of certain areas in Utah, how to care for coins and tokens, and how to determine value of a find. NUTS also hosts family events throughout the year hoping to encourage the younger generations to feel the need to preserve and care for the artifacts that help make up Utah's history.

What will Mel find
the next time he metal detects?

